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E. F. THOMPSON

June 2-98



O. S. Thompson
REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

AUDITOR, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF GILMANTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

CONCORD:

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1878.



REPORT.

JOHN CONNELL, *Treasurer, in account with the town of
Gilmanton.*

1877.

Mar.	1.	To cash in hands of the treasurer,	\$1,657.20
Apr.	21.	hired of Charles E. Marsh, guardian,	325.00
		hired of Charles E. Marsh, guardian,	325.00
		hired of John A. Dudley,	350.00
	27.	Jonathan Young,	200.00
June	4.	Sarah R. French,	100.00
	22.	J. B. & H. S. Good- win,	100.00
	23.	Charles H. Tebbetts,	115.00
July	14.	P. V. Kendall,	225.00
Aug.	6.	Sarah A. Batchelder,	25.00
	25.	Dwight E. Edgerly,	150.00
	28.	Asa T. Page,	50.00
Sept.	3.	Elizabeth P. Chase,	100.00
	18.	George W. Parsons,	500.00
	1.	Albert R. Page,	115.00
Oct.	27.	Charles E. Marsh, guardian,	50.00
	27.	John A. Dudley,	170.00
Nov.	10.	Daniel Connell,	458.00
		David G. Edgerly,	113.62
		Frank N. Merrill,	100.00

Nov.	10.	To cash hired of John P. Clough,	\$160.00
	19.	Frank N. Merrill,	455.00
	28.	Geo. E. Shannon,	500.00
Dec.	1.	Horace Edgerly,	140.00
		Mahala D. Page,	124.00
Sept.	3.	received for license,	5.00
Dec.	1.	hired of Charles Varney,	200.00
		Frank A. McMurphy,	50.00
		Laurenia A. Gale,	115.00
	11.	Russell W. Clough,	150.00
1878.			
Jan.	1.	Mary J. Tebbetts,	40.00
		Judith Price,	210.00
	12.	Matthias Weeks,	100.00
		Frank N. Merrill,	40.00
		Josiah S. Goodwin,	1,500.00
		received of the county for aid to county poor,	73.91
		received of the state for sav- ings bank tax,	619.05
		received of the state for rail- road tax,	27.16
		received of the state for liter- ary fund,	126.85
	14.	hired of Asa T. Page,	75.00
Feb.	14.	Betsy Hussey,	50.00
	16.	Asa T. Page,	75.00
	1.	Mary E. Heath,	200.00
	21.	Belle H. Marsh,	15.00
	1.	Edwin C. Tebbetts,	50.15
	22.	John Connell,	1,000.00
		Rufus E. Gale,	800.00
	25.	received of the county,	1.50

To cash received of the several collectors :

M. S. Gale, collector for 1875,	35.88
“ “ 1876,	1,599.54
“ “ 1877,	6,672.97
Geo. F. Kelley, “ 1875,	56.60

Geo. C. Parsons, col. for 1876,	\$1,370.37
James Leighton, " 1877,	2,390.47
Jas. W. Cogswell, " 1872,	7.05
" " 1873,	9.15
" " 1874,	72.42
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	\$24,345.89

1877.

Paid orders and interest outstanding against the town :

Mar.	1.	By paid order in part drawn to C. B. Gale,	\$9.35
	5.	By paid order and interest drawn to M. A. Gilman,	138.86
	9.	By paid order in part drawn to Nicholas Hodgdon,	100.00
	10.	By paid balance on order drawn to J. P. Sanborn,	2.18
		By paid balance on order in part drawn to Mrs. A. Mack,	50.00
		By paid order drawn to John Connell,	26.00
	13.	By paid order in part drawn to Matthias Weeks,	10.00
	15.	By paid order in part drawn to Peter Dudley,	15.00
	17.	By paid order in part drawn to Mary Piper,	10.00
	20.	By paid order in part drawn to Henry S. Orange,	100.00
	22.	By paid order in part drawn to Congregational society,	12.00
	26.	By paid order in part drawn to Frank N. Merrill,	25.00
	27.	By paid order and interest drawn to Frank N. Merrill,	34.85
Apr.	7.	By paid order in part drawn to C. K. Lewis,	50.00

Apr.	13.	By paid order and interest drawn to Albert W. Thompson,	\$105.76
	16.	By paid order and interest drawn to Mary A. Hill,	124.76
	23.	By paid order in part drawn to Ira Shannon,	300.00
May	5.	By paid order in part drawn to Julia A. Gilman,	35.00
		By paid order and interest drawn to Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	1,139.50
	7.	By paid order and interest drawn to Cynthia Clay,	68.42
	8.	By paid order and interest drawn to Ezekiel Hill,	74.50
	12.	By paid order and interest drawn to Mrs. A. Mack,	52.34
		By paid order and interest drawn to E. H. Weare,	251.82
	17.	By paid order and interest drawn to Cristania Flanders,	55.40
	26.	By paid order in part drawn to L. E. Page, guardian,	100.00
	28.	By paid order in part drawn to Wm. N. Swain,	36.25
		By paid order in part drawn to Han- nah E. Lougee,	3.69
	29.	By paid order and interest drawn to Peter Dudley,	14.47
	31.	By paid order in part drawn to Trus- tees of H. G. Hall estate,	50.00
June	4.	By paid order in part drawn to L. E. Page, guardian,	20.00
	5.	By paid order and interest drawn to Charles D. Weare,	258.48
	9.	By paid order in part drawn to Nich- olas Gilman,	44.13
	11.	By paid order and interest drawn to C. E. Pulsifer,	33.23
	20.	By paid order in part drawn to C. K. Lewis,	60.00

June	29.	By paid order and interest drawn to Congregational church,	\$204.73
July	9.	By paid order in part drawn to Henry S. Orange,	40.00
	10.	By paid order in part drawn to Henry S. Orange,	160.00
		By paid order and interest drawn to C. K. Lewis,	52.34
Aug.	9.	By paid order in part drawn to L. E. Page, guardian,	25.00
	18.	By paid order in part drawn to Julia A. Gilman,	200.00
	20.	By paid order and interest drawn to George H. Piper,	77.77
	27.	By paid order in part drawn to C. H. Glidden,	60.00
	30.	By paid order in part drawn to Trustees of H. G. Hall estate,	125.00
Sept.	1.	By paid order and interest drawn to A. F. Clifford,	103.04
		By paid order in part drawn to L. E. Page, guardian,	40.00
	6.	By paid order in part drawn to H. D. Edgerly,	8.98
	10.	By paid order and interest drawn to J. S. Page,	20.96
	17.	By paid order and interest drawn to C. H. Glidden,	53.03
	20.	By paid order in part drawn to Mary Piper,	10.00
	25.	By paid order in part drawn to Peter Dudley,	15.00
Oct.	1.	By paid order in part drawn to D. G. Edgerly,	100.00
	13.	By paid order in part drawn to M. A. Hurd,	12.00
	17.	By paid order in part drawn to Peter Dudley,	15.00
Nov.	10.	By paid order in part drawn to D. Connell,	133.25

Nov.	16.	By paid order and interest drawn to M. J. Ayers,	\$1,330.40
	21.	By paid order and interest drawn to D. L. McDuffee,	660.01
		By paid order in part drawn to Peter Dudley,	20.00
	24.	By paid order in part drawn to M. A. Gilman,	50.00
Dec.	1.	By paid order in part drawn to J. P. Hill,	50.00
		By paid order in part drawn to L. E. Page (guardian),	12.00
		By paid order and interest drawn to Luther E. Page,	47.46
	3.	By paid order in part drawn to A. T. Page (guardian),	10.00
	7.	By paid order and interest drawn to A. H. Tilton,	1,170.87
		By paid order drawn to the several religious societies,	25.06
		By paid order and interest drawn to J. D. Proctor,	665.38
		By paid order and interest drawn to J. D. Proctor,	508.71
	15.	By paid order and interest drawn to C. H. Glidden,	101.62
	24.	By paid order in part drawn to J. Young,	40.00
	25.	By paid order in part drawn to Ira Shannon,	100.00
	27.	By paid order and interest drawn to trustees of H. G. Hall estate,	1,162.44
1878.			
Jan.	5.	By paid order in part drawn to E. Holbrook,	20.60
		By paid order in part drawn to E. Holbrook,	4.04
	18.	By paid order and interest drawn to C. G. Littlefield,	1,104.24

Jan. 18.	By paid order and interest drawn to P. R. Coffin,	\$126.32
	By paid order in part drawn to A. E. Avery,	3.18
19.	By paid order in part drawn to C. H. Glidden,	5.00
	By paid order and interest drawn to E. Holbrook,	6.54
21.	By paid order and interest drawn to J. A. Dudley,	363.12
	By paid order and interest drawn to J. A. Dudley,	171.98
22.	By paid order in part drawn to D. Con- nor,	10.41
24.	By paid order in part drawn to H. B. Kimball,	350.00
	By paid order in part drawn to Peter Dudley,	10.00
29.	By paid order in part drawn to Wm. N. Swain,	100.00
Feb. 6.	By paid order in part drawn to F. A. McMurphy,	10.00
8.	By paid order in part drawn to Mat- thias Weeks,	10.00
14.	By paid order in part drawn to Henry S. Orange,	30.50
	By paid order and interest drawn to J. B. & H. S. Goodwin,	385.46
	By paid order and interest drawn to J. B. & H. S. Goodwin,	102.92
16.	By paid order in part drawn to C. H. Glidden,	10.00
19.	By paid order and interest drawn to L. E. Page (guardian),	99.97
	By paid order and interest drawn to Joseph Heath,	332.73
	By paid order and interest drawn to Mary E. Heath,	221.81

Feb. 23.	By paid order in part drawn to Geo. E. Shannon,	\$250.00
25.	By paid order in part drawn to C. H. Glidden,	30.00
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		\$14,579.86
By paid state tax,		1,372.00
county tax,		1,720.98
school-house tax,		125.00
the several school districts,		1,346.15

CURRENT EXPENSES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By paid C. A. Dockham for nails and postal cards,	\$4.05
M. A. Haynes for printing town reports,	50.00
I. S. French, for recording births,	1.00
J. P. Hill, for perambulating lines,	4.00
E. Holbrook, for board and horse keeping,	4.00
trustees of Gilmanton Academy, for care of town hall,	12.00
B. W. Sanborn, for blank books,	1.50
Secretary of State, copy of charter of Gil- ford,	3.00
D. L. Guernsey, for blank books,	12.05
E. S. Mudgett, for use of watering-trough,	3.00
J. B. Durrell, for dinners furnished Oct. 18, 1877,	1.50
Charles G. Kelley, use of watering-trough in 1876-77,	4.50
selectmen of Gilmanton, bounty on wild animals,	18.40
A. R. Price, use of watering-trough,	3.00
Jeremiah Ellsworth, use of watering-trough,	3.00
Geo. C. Prescott, “	3.00
Charles E. Marsh, for printing and stationery,	8.25
Charles A. Dockham, postal cards and stamps,	1.15
C. H. Connell for office rent, board of selectmen, auditors, and horse-keeping,	54.87

By paid Rufus E. Gale, to cash paid out,	\$10.50
selectmen for perambulating town lines,	27.86
John S. Page, expenses out of town,	5.50
Henry E. Marsh, board of selectmen, and horse-keeping,	6.00
Henry E. Marsh, expenses out of town,	.75
Geo. W. Adams, for school laws and posting,	5.00
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	\$247.88

For poor in town :

By paid Geo. W. Adams, for books furnished McKenzie children,	\$1.00
Belknap county, for board of Mrs. Hattie Jones,	19.00
Nahum Wight, for medical aid to Mrs. Hattie Jones,	4.50
Geo. W. Bennett, board of Mrs. Hattie Jones,	2.00
E. Osgood, for board of Mrs. Hattie Jones,	5.00
J. P. Bancroft, board of Mrs. Hattie Jones,	21.49
Frank E. Foss, aid to Mrs. Hattie Jones,	4.00
Geo. W. Pinkham, aid to transient pau- pers,	2.00
Jesse L. Page, aid to Mary J. Page,	27.50
Jeremiah Blake, medical aid to Mary J. Page,	13.25
Isaac C. Marsh, aid to transient paupers,	12.00
Rufus E. Gale, " "	9.00
John S. Page, for aid to transient pau- pers, and board of H. S. Jones,	10.00
Henry E. Marsh, for aid to transient paupers,	5.00
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	\$135.74

For county poor :

By paid J. C. Ray, for board of Frank N. Page,	\$26.00
J. Connell, aid to C. H. Tuttle,	14.32
C. A. Dockham, aid to Nathaniel and Ann Shannon,	12.88
R. M. Gray, medical aid to Mrs. J. Warren,	1.50
E. Varney, aid to J. Wentworth,	3.00
selectmen, “	14.00
J. Connell, aid to Samuel Merrill,	22.09
C. A. Dockham, aid to C. H. Tuttle,	3.71
Nahum Wight, medical aid to C. Greenleaf,	1.50
S. A. Taylor, medical aid to S. Merrill,	2.00
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	\$101.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

By paid J. P. Hussey, for lumber for bridges,	\$2.30
D. Cook, for bridge plank, in 1876,	9.71
N. B. Jones, for labor and rails for bridges,	7.06
Alonzo Burbank, for labor on road in 1877,	1.50
S. K. Twombly, for railing bridges in 1876,	9.00
C. F. Merrill, labor on roads, 1877,	1.30
J. S. Page, labor on highway, 1877,	15.00
Geo. S. French, labor on roads, 1877,	1.15
S. F. French, " "	1.30
H. T. Gilman, " 1876,	4.12
Joseph T. Allen, for labor on highway, 1876,	3.12
S. S. Young, for bridge plank,	2.48
C. Moulton, " 1876,	1.50
D. Elkins, for labor on road in 1876,	4.79
Geo. W. Dow, " "	.62
E. Hill, " "	6.31
Frank E. Foss, " "	.88
Alvah Foss, " "	4.25

By paid Joseph E. Osgood, labor on road in 1877,	\$4.12
Joseph M. Coffin, for bridge plank,	5.96
Reuben Edgerly, labor on highway in 1876,	3.18
R. J. Varney, "	2.40
J. H. Drew, bridge plank and labor, 1877,	64.92
Chas. E. Pulsifer, labor on highway, 1877,	2.50
Cyrus Varney, "	11.25
Henry E. Marsh, for railing bridges in 1877,	5.51
R. D. Varney, for labor on highway in 1877,	35.50
Charles Varney, for bridge plank in 1877,	7.58
E. S. Mudgett, for lumber and labor in 1877,	18.14
E. B. Rollins, for guide-post, and setting,	1.50
E. Osgood, damage to plow in 1877,	2.50
H. E. Marsh, for labor on bridge in 1877,	11.00
E. Hill, for labor on highway in 1877,	1.00
R. J. Varney, for labor on highway in 1877,	3.60
Daniel Elkins, bridge plank,	4.04
John W. Ham, for lumber,	4.22
Geo. E. Page, lettering guide-boards, and setting post,	2.00
Chas. G. Kelley, for labor on road, and plank,	5.00
Caleb P. Webster, for labor and plank,	4.50
Geo. W. Munsey, for labor on road in 1877,	13.54
Chas. E. Plumer, for labor on road in 1877,	19.00
John Watson, for labor on highway in 1877,	2.00
Edwin S. Nelson, for bridge plank in 1877,	2.37

By paid John K. Dudley, for bridge plank in 1877,	\$2.79
L. W. Downing, for labor on highway in 1877,	4.55
Joseph W. Merrill, for labor on highway in 1876,	1.50
Wm. Swain, for labor on highway in 1877,	4.25
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	\$326.81

ABATEMENTS.

By paid George W. Gault, for loss of colt in 1876,	\$1.03
Loami Green, for over-tax in 1876,	5.37
William H. Dudley, for poll-tax in 1875, 1876,	4.51
Noah Weeks, for loss of dog in 1876,	1.00
Levi Pickering, for loss of horse in 1876,	.37
Isaac A. Downs, for loss of dog in 1876,	1.00
Alva Foss, for over-tax in 1876,	11.75
John Nutter, for loss of dog in 1876,	1.00
William A. Connor, non-resident winter tax, 1875,	4.50
B. Dearborn, for over-tax in 1876,	7.05
Orin Folsom, non-resident highway tax, worked in 1876,	14.89
M. S. Gale, collector, abatement of taxes in 1876,	126.48
Dana L. Marsh, for over-tax in 1877,	4.56
E. Osgood, for loss of dog in 1876,	1.00
George W. Dow, for loss of cow in 1877,	.69
George C. Parsons, collector, abatement of taxes in 1876,	9.87
S. S. Young, for loss of cow in 1877,	.41
Mary Lougee, for loss of cow in 1877,	.59
Charles T. Smith, for loss of dog in 1876,	1.00
Mary J. Potter, for loss of dog in 1877,	1.00
H. D. Edgerly, for loss of heifer in 1877,	.26
James C. Shannon, for loss of dog in 1877,	1.00

John A. Collins, for loss of female dog in 1877,	\$2.00
Charles G. Kelley, for loss of colt in 1877,	.91
George F. Kelley, abatement of taxes in 1875,	10.83
James Leighton, abatement of taxes in 1877,	30.42
Hannah Marsh, over-tax in 1877,	4.50
Geo. W. Pinkham, for loss of female dog,	2.00
M. S. Gale, collector, for abatement of taxes in 1875,	14.58
M. S. Gale, over-tax in 1876,	1.00
Zaccheus Peaslee, over-tax in 1877,	.67
Samuel Buswell, for two dogs lost,	2.00
M. S. Gale, collector, abatement of taxes for 1877,	101.32
J. D. Nelson, for loss of horse in 1876,	.45
M. S. Gale, collector, abatement of taxes in 1876,	143.68
A. W. Smith, for loss of dog in 1877,	1.00
George W. Hodgdon, for loss of dog,	1.00
Oliver L. Green, for loss of dog in 1877,	1.00
George C. Parsons, abatement of taxes in 1876,	71.77
Dana L. Marsh, over-tax in 1876,	4.70
Joseph W. Merrill, over-tax in 1876,	7.05
Joseph W. Merrill, over-tax in 1877,	6.84
Edwin S. Nelson, dog lost in 1877,	1.00
Ella A. Smith, female dog lost in 1877,	2.00
Calista B. Allen, loss of steer in 1876,	.68
Edwin E. Smith, abatement of taxes in 1876,	2.35
J. A. Jones, over-tax in 1876,	4.70
J. W. Cogswell, abatement of tax in 1874,	2.63
“ “ “	11.05
“ “ 1873,	9.82
“ “ 1872,	7.05
Eben S. Young, for loss of horse,	.46
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\$648.79	

TOWN OFFICERS.

By paid	George W. Parsons, services as auditor,	\$3.00
	John W. Page, services as auditor,	3.00
	Sylvester Goodwin, services as constable in 1875,	3.00
	John W. Rollins, services as constable in 1875,	3.00
	J. S. Goodwin, for acting as selectman in division of school districts,	1.00
	Henry N. Nelson, services as selectman in 1877,	3.40
	Charles E. Marsh, services as town-clerk in 1877,	52.00
	George C. Parsons, services as collector for 1876,	28.00
	Geo. C. Parsons, for constable fees in 1876 and 1877,	3.00
	Joshua Colby, for constable fees in 1876 and 1877,	1.50
	Moses S. Gale, in part for collecting taxes in 1877,	50.00
	Daniel Connell, constable fees in 1877,	1.50
	Moses S. Gale, in full for collecting taxes in 1876,	35.68
	John Connell, services as treasurer in 1877,	75.00
	Moses S. Gale, for constable fees in 1876,	1.50
	Rufus E. Gale, for copying invoice in 1877,	5.00
	“ services out of town in full,	16.50
	“ “ in “	48.00
	John S. Page, “ out of “	10.50
	“ “ in “	49.50
	Henry E. Marsh, “ in “	56.75
	“ “ out of “	6.00
	Geo. W. Adams, services as superintending school committee in full,	75.00
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		\$531.83

DAMAGE DONE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

By paid Joseph T. Griffin,	\$10.00
Charles H. Blake,	6.00
Henry E. Marsh,	15.00
Stephen H. Dearborn,	11.00
Samuel E. Eveleth,	7.00
Jeremiah Ellsworth,	7.00
Charles F. Merrill,	9.00
Royal L. Page,	5.00
John L. Sargent,	12.00
John R. Sawyer,	8.00
Lorrain M. Page,	5.00
Joseph E. Osborn,	10.00
Albert R. Page,	4.50
N. B. Sanborn,	12.00
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	\$121.50

RECAPITULATION.

Amount charged by selectmen to treasurer,	\$24,345.88
Paid outstanding orders and interest, \$14,579.86	
miscellaneous expenses,	247.88
for poor (town),	135.74
for poor (county),	101.00
roads and bridges,	326.81
abatement,	648.79
town-officers,	531.83
damage to sheep by dogs,	121.50
state tax,	1,372.00
county tax,	1,720.98
several school districts,	1,346.15
school-house tax,	125.00
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	\$21,257.54

Settled as above,

JOHN CONNELL, *Treasurer.* 3,488.3

RUFUS E. GALE, } *Selectmen*
 JOHN S. PAGE, } *of*
 HENRY E. MARSH, } *Gilmanton.*

We, the undersigned, having carefully examined the foregoing account, find it correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of \$3,088.34 in hands of treasurer.

GEORGE W. PARSONS, }
EDWIN S. NELSON, } *Auditors.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Of their account with the several collectors, balance of taxes in hands of collectors and due the town, March 1, 1878 :

Joseph Brown, 1874,	\$215.76
James W. Cogswell, 1874,	12.82
Geo. F. Kelley, 1875,	14.52
Geo. C. Parsons, 1876,	187.68
Moses S. Gale 1876, 2 dist.,	136.52
“ 1877, 2 dist.,	1,957.02
James Leighton, 1877,	840.25
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	\$3,364.57

RUFUS E. GALE, }
JOHN S. PAGE, } *Selectmen*
HENRY E. MARSH, } *of*
 Gilmanton.

DEBTS AND INTEREST.

Outstanding debts against the town, March 1, 1878 :		Interest on the same, due March 1, 1878 :
Lydia Bean,	\$50.00	\$11.39
Mary Piper,	10.00	5.99
Eva J. Piper,	25.00	4.52
Luther E. Page,	700.00	90.68
Mary J. Carr,	240.00	29.75
Peter Dudley,	540.00	23.82
J. A. Edgerly,	285.00	35.48
J. P. Clough,	75.00	9.15
Ann P. Kimball,	60.00	7.25
J. L. Kimball,	150.00	18.12
C. F. Merrill,	300.00	35.38
M. O. Merrill,	500.00	58.96
E. A. Glidden,	132.66	1.47
Russell W. Clough,	150.00	1.50
		Int. on Parson- age Fund, 25.06
H. E. Lougee,	53.37	2.01
J. H. Drew,	3.00	
H. S. Orange,	500.00	33.18
Sarah B. Drew,	229.97	25.06
Julia A. Gilman,	500.00	33.53
J. H. Drew,	138.73	15.13
J. R. Mudgett,	290.00	36.52
S. B. F. Mudgett,	50.00	5.42
L. D. Blake,	57.86	6.51
C. P. Hutchinson,	10.00	1.09
A. F. Willey,	80.70	21.11

M. A. Gilman,	\$389.05	\$47.08
Sarah Page,	31.92	3.46
R. E. Avery,	421.48	46.44
Matthias Weeks,	200.00	1.08
Mary G. Nelson,	100.00	10.84
E. Holbrook,	200.00	1.08
“	40.44	.34
Peter Dudley,	1,561.52	169.36
E. G. Clough,	121.01	13.12
R. W. Clough,	121.01	13.12
M. W. Clough,	121.01	13.12
H. B. Kimball,	2,413.46	11.73
M. D. Page,	419.50	47.03
A. T. Page,	400.00	22.47
M. A. Lougee,	124.74	13.37
M. J. Potter,	350.00	37.58
A. M. Lamprey,	172.80	18.55
L. G. Lougee,	473.43	50.84
J. P. Clough,	512.01	54.98
M. A. Hurd,	300.00	19.94
L. T. Edgerly,	330.65	35.50
T. B. Lane,	362.91	38.98
S. A. Batchelder,	82.93	8.90
C. C. Varney,	271.10	29.11
Charles Varney,	1,149.74	123.47
C. B. Gale,	187.00	20.08
Betsey Hussey,	380.00	40.81
A. V. Edgerly,	978.96	105.13
L. A. Hussey,	338.29	36.33
Wm. N. Swain,	100.00	11.10
O. E. Moulton,	53.79	5.98
O. J. Edgerly,	2,200.00	120.25
D. E. Edgerly,	407.33	43.74
F. E. Edgerly,	56.58	6.07
D. S. Ayers,	550.00	59.06
J. L. Kimball,	100.00	10.74
A. P. Kimball,	50.00	5.37
J. Young,	920.61	4.46
C. I. Ross,	34.63	3.71

M. L. Dow,	\$74.05	\$7.95
A. E. Ayers,	364.07	39.11
W. B. Marsh,	279.00	29.96
E. Marsh,	110.00	11.81
W. L. Jenkins,	10.00	1.07
H. S. Page,	200.00	21.48
A. R. Page,	239.02	25.66
C. W. Marsh,	171.55	18.42
Ira Shannon,	1,192.50	
H. D. Edgerly,	110.00	2.67
N. Hodgdon,	192.54	26.34
E. P. Nelson,	544.27	58.45
M. J. Tebbetts,	418.82	44.98
M. J. Piper,	352.21	37.82
D. Conner,	101.55	.45
A. B. Parsons,	5.87	.56
J. H. Beck,	5.19	.55
S. C. Beck,	5.19	.55
J. P. Hill,	1,000.00	12.50
E. T. Gilman,	143.02	15.23
A. E. Ayers,	164.60	17.52
M. J. Folsom,	28.68	3.06
A. T. Page, guardian,	48.86	
E. Maxfield,	209.73	22.10
M. Sweatt,	156.07	16.44
E. G. Clough,	372.00	31.35
S. S. Young,	100.00	9.61
J. Price,	350.00	32.56
J. P. Clough,	255.00	23.91
“	1,025.00	87.12
A. Cate,	13.00	1.02
E. J. Page,	15.00	1.13
H. N. Nelson,	25.00	1.85
D. E. Edgerly,	175.00	12.73
B. Hussey,	100.00	6.71
S. S. Nelson,	50.00	3.27
M. S. Sanborn,	50.00	3.25
O. E. Moulton,	50.00	3.17
G. M. Bunker,	20.00	1.11
F. A. Marsh,	100.00	5.55

A. M. Page,	\$80.00	\$4.73
M. J. Tebbetts,	100.00	5.52
M. A. Lougee,	190.00	10.08
E. Holbrook,	15.00	.79
C. E. Marsh, guardian,	325.00	13.99
“ “	325.00	13.99
J. Young,	200.00	8.44
S. R. French,	100.00	3.71
N. Gilman,	550.00	20.01
J. T. Gilman,	180.77	6.58
P. V. Kendall,	225.00	7.09
S. A. Batchelder,	25.00	.71
M. J. Tebbetts,	220.84	5.93
“	600.00	16.08
C. H. Glidden,	500.00	13.40
“	100.00	2.67
“	55.00	2.65
D. E. Edgerly,	150.00	3.75
A. T. Page,	50.00	1.25
A. R. Page,	115.00	2.88
E. P. Chase,	100.00	2.47
Geo. W. Parsons,	500.00	11.32
C. E. Marsh, guardian,	50.00	.85
D. G. Edgerly,	450.00	6.93
D. Connell,	458.00	7.06
F. N. Merrill,	100.00	1.54
J. P. Clough,	160.00	2.47
F. N. Merrill,	455.00	6.45
Geo. E. Shannon,	250.00	6.26
H. Edgerly,	140.00	1.75
M. D. Page,	124.00	1.55
C. Varney,	200.00	2.50
F. S. Ayers,	154.62	1.55
M. S. Price,	1.23	
E. A. Glidden,	315.08	3.50
“	309.55	3.44
“	820.34	9.11
S. Straw,	600.57	6.00
F. A. McMurphy,	40.00	.59
L. A. Gale,	100.00	1.25

L. A. Gale,	\$15.00	\$0.19
J. Price,	210.00	1.75
M. J. Tebbetts,	40.00	.34
A. M. Brackett,	1,669.01	11.13
A. E. Avery,	459.52	2.86
M. Weeks,	100.00	.54
F. N. Merrill,	40.00	.22
J. S. Goodwin,	1,500.00	10.21
A. T. Page,	75.00	.39
Charles H. Tebbetts,	402.60	.40
Moses H. Rand,	457.57	2.34
Betsy Hussey,	50.00	.09
Asa T. Page,	75.00	.13
Mary E. Heath,	200.00	.50
Betsey H. Gilman,	76.89	.52
Enos G. Edgerly,	690.25	4.69
Belle H. Marsh,	15.00	.04
Edwin C. Tebbetts,	700.00	1.75
John Connell,	1,000.00	.67
Rufus E. Gale,	800.00	.53
Daniel Connell,	1,000.00	23.47
“	300.00	7.04

Amount of orders outstanding March 1, 1878, \$50,321.88
interest “ 2,747.01

We find the town indebted for parsonage fund, 417.81
interest on parson-
age fund, 6.41
literary money, 126.85
tax on dogs, 86.00

\$53,705.96

Assets of the town :

Cash in hands of the treasurer,	\$3,088.34	
Balance in hands of the collectors,	3,364.57	
Due from the county,	25.59	
Interest due on notes,	18.20	
	<hr/>	\$6,496.70

Indebtedness over means, March 1, 1878, \$47,209.26

Indebtedness over means March 1, 1877,	\$50,629.30
“ “ 1878,	47,209.26
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	\$3,420.04
Due from government bounties assigned,	\$2,080.00

Since footing the above the town has received of Joseph Brown, collector of taxes for 1874, \$91.82, which amount has been charged to the treasurer.

JOHN CONNELL, *Treasurer.*

RUFUS E. GALE,

JOHN S. PAGE,

HENRY E. MARSH,

Selectmen of Gilmanton.

GEORGE W. PARSONS,

EDWIN S. NELSON,

Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET.

By amount of taxes committed to collectors in 1877,	\$11,860.71	
railroad tax,	27.16	
savings bank tax,	619.05	
literary money,	126.85	
received from county (poor bills),	75.41	
received for license,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,714.18

Contra.

To paid miscellaneous expenses,	\$247.88	
for poor in town,	135.74	
poor in county,	101.00	
roads and bridges,	326.81	
abatement of taxes,	648.79	
town officers,	531.83	
damage to sheep by dogs,	121.50	
state tax,	1,372.00	
county tax,	1,720.98	
several school districts,	1,346.15	
school-house tax,	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,677.68
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		\$6,036.50

75.41
23.27
101.30

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GILMANTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1878.

Our schools, twenty-eight in number, have been under the care and instruction of twenty-four different teachers,—three males and twenty-one females.

The amount of money raised by the town for school purposes is \$1,346.15; literary fund, \$126.85; total amount of school money, \$1,473.

Total number of scholars attending school during the year, 555; total number of different scholars, 337; average attendance, 479; amount to each scholar, \$2.65; total number of visits by citizens (as reported), 285; total number of visits by your committee, 53; whole length of schools for the year, 280 weeks; average length to each district, 10 weeks; number of scholars between five and fifteen years of age not attending school, 20.

Whole number attending to each of the following studies: Reading, 540; spelling, 535; penmanship, 50; arithmetic,

400 ; grammar, 127 ; geography, 163 ; history, 12 ; algebra, 14 ; philosophy, 1 ; physiology, 11 ; chemistry, 2 ; Latin, 2 ; astronomy, 5 ; book-keeping, 14 ; drawing, 5 ; vocal music, 16.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Joseph Brown ; teacher of summer term, Miss Mary A. Mason, of Loudon ; length of school, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 16 9-40 ; wages, \$20.

The teacher says in her remarks,—“At the commencement of the term, I found, connected with the school, remnants of disorder and other things which should be discountenanced. To correct the evil, I applied first mild terms, then, if necessary, severer means.” The result was, as the sixteen visitors present will bear me witness, a school of which the district may well be proud. If all our teachers were sustained as well as Miss Mason, our schools would attain a high degree of excellence. The closing exercises gave marked evidence of a superior teacher.

Winter term of 8 weeks, taught by Rev. C. L. Plummer. I can speak with much satisfaction of this school. The parents have cordially sustained the teacher, and by judicious and friendly coöperation with him have secured a most excellent school.

Whole number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 25 ; wages, \$20 ; town order, \$81.77.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Committee, Joshua Colby ; teacher, Miss Clara E. Merrill ; length of school, 11 weeks ; number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 16 6-55 ; wages, \$26 ; school order, \$74.24.

Many years of experience have given to Mrs. Merrill the ability to impart instruction in the most thorough and use-

ful manner. The constant drill to which the pupils under her control were subjected could not fail to result in rapid improvement. The labors of Mrs. Merrill were highly appreciated by the district. A teacher of pluck as well as energy.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Committee, A. R. Page ; teacher of first term, Miss Olive F. Collins ; length of school, 7 weeks ; number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, 12 27-70 ; wages, \$16.

This is the fourth term Miss Collins has taught in this district, which fact ought to satisfy the most skeptical that her labors were appreciated by those immediately interested. The school at its close gave evidence of good success. The scholars seemed to partake of the lady-like deportment of the teacher, and rendered the closing exercises very pleasing.

Winter term, Miss Belle Elkins, teacher ; length of school, 8 weeks ; number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 13 ; wages, \$22 ; school order, \$62.03.

The teacher labored with commendable zeal for the best good of her school, and gave unmistakable evidence that her tact and experience had been a boon to the district. Good advancement was made. Proof,—those 14 visitors at its close.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Committee, Charles W. Hill ; teacher, Miss Mary A. Mason, of Loudon ; one term of 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, $15\frac{1}{2}$; wages, \$20 ; school order, \$64.72.

The teacher said,—“ It has been my motto during the term, that whatever lesson was worth learning at all, was

worth learning well." This school has been governed by the law of kindness. Good order prevailed, and good advancement was made in all the branches taught. We can recommend Miss Mason as a faithful teacher, worthy of patronage.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Committee, George A. Gale; Miss Amy F. Ayers, of Barnstead, teacher of both terms; first term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 20; wages, \$19;—second term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 24; wages, \$21; school order, \$86.23.

In procuring this teacher, the district and teacher were mutually fortunate. The pupils found an excellent teacher, and the teacher found an interesting school. Here are some very fine scholars, who gave evidence that they had not labored in vain. The district have decided to build a new school-house. It is much needed. Build a good, comfortable house, hire good teachers, visit your schools often, and you will reap a rich reward.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Committee, Thomas Cogswell; teacher, Miss Susan A. Dudley; length of school, 13 weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance 11 2-5; wages, \$20; school order, \$69.63.

These were the teacher's first efforts in teaching, but, unlike too many just beginning, she met with good success. She possesses many excellent traits for teaching, and, with a little more experience, will become a useful instructress of youth. The appearance of the school was good, and the progress marked.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Committee, Jonathan Young ; teacher of summer term, Miss Agnes L. Paige ; whole number of scholars 10 ; average attendance, 7 4-5 ; wages, \$8, board given.

The teacher was quite young, and this her first school, yet she conducted her school with efficiency and good results. Almost the entire district were in attendance at the closing exercises, which were very satisfactory. The closing pieces by the little girls were very pleasing.

Winter term taught by Frank N. Merrill ; length of school, 7 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 8 4-7 ; wages, \$12, board given ; school order, \$36.42.

This school, though small, was interesting, and the progress all that could reasonably be expected. Good order was sustained, and the closing exercises creditable to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Committee, E. S. Mudgett ; teacher of summer term, Miss M. Ella Berry, of Loudon ; length of school, 6 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance, 15 ; wages, \$18.

Miss Berry's first term ; yet, if we may judge from what we saw at the close of the school, she had found the key that unlocked the hearts of both parents and scholars. The examination was very praiseworthy, and gave evidence of a live school. Fifteen adult persons were present, as visitors, at its close.

Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by the Misses May L. and Lizzie A. Morrell, of Belmont ; whole number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 17 ; wages, \$16, board given ; school order, \$60.98.

We find philosophy, physiology, algebra, chemistry, book-keeping, astronomy, and latin in this school.

The Misses Morrill have a rare combination of qualities, which have served, in an experience of some years, to gain for them the reputation of first-class teachers. They are found to be peculiarly adapted to the wants of this school, which is composed chiefly of advanced scholars, who are required to go through their studies, not over them.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The scholars in this district are still cared for at the Academy. They have two terms of 12 weeks each. There are 57 scholars in the district. Fifty-five attended the school during the fall term, and thirty-nine are now attending. D. S. Hibbard, as principal, gets \$92 per term. School order, \$184.62.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Committee, Charles Kimball; Miss Cynthia Varney, teacher; length of school, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 5; wages, \$18; school order, \$44.95.

The literary attainments of this teacher are of a high order; consequently the school under her care, though small, was managed with the precision of clock-work—decidedly a success.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Committee, Owen J. Edgerly; one term of 14 weeks taught by Miss Clara M. Chesley, of Alton; whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7; wages, \$18, board given.

The school in this district was admirable. Miss Chesley

was in an eminent degree "apt to teach," and could impart what she knew to her pupils, and infuse energy into the whole school. Here are some fine scholars, and perhaps it would not be flattery for me to say, the school is second to none in town. So long as the district hire such able teachers, they will have schools of the highest order. School order, \$60.99.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Committee, Stephen W. Sargent ; teacher, Miss C. Emma Varney, of Alton ; length of school (summer term), 7 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 84-7 ; wages, \$26.

Winter term—length, 9 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, $10\frac{1}{2}$; wages, \$26 ; school order, \$99.72.

This is one of the best schools in town, owing mainly to the fact that great care has been taken in the selection of teachers. None have been employed for several years who were not in the highest sense qualified, not only in point of native ability, but also by experience,—the result of which is seen in the excellence of the school. The closing exercises were of the highest order. The rhetorical exercises were of superior merit, and were appreciated by those present. Engage this teacher again.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Committee, David Bickford ; teacher of summer term, Miss Dora V. Weeks, of Loudon ; length of school, 7 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, 124-7 ; wages, \$17 ; school order, \$59.53.

This was a good school. The teacher having secured the respect of both parents and scholars, the school was under

good government, and has made progress during the term equal to that of any school in this part of the town. Singing was a pleasing feature of the school.

Winter term, taught by Miss Cora B. Gale; length of school, seven weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 15; wages, \$17.00.

As long as the parents take interest enough in their children to procure for them the best of teachers, and heartily coöperate with them, there is no such word as failure. The closing exercises were more than satisfactory, and gave evidence of a teacher of no small ability.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Committee, Cyrus Jones; teacher of summer term, Miss Etta F. Heath, of Canterbury; length of school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 16 21-40; wages, \$17; school order, \$46.36.

We have here a fine illustration of the saying,—“United we stand, divided we fall.” The teacher had the sympathy of the parents from the beginning, and they worked unitedly for the upbuilding of a good school. The result was, good advancement was made in all the branches taught.

Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Cynthia B. Moulton; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 15 5-6; wages, \$15.

The teacher, in her remarks, says,—“I feel that there are a few scholars (those who have tried) that have made good progress in their studies.” A few were more intent on mischief. Their aim was not for knowledge contained in books, but to criticise and find fault. No school can be a perfect success unless teacher and parents work together for the common good. The school appeared well at its close, and

showed that the teacher had worked hard for the good of those under her care. This district have repaired their school-house at an expense of \$100.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Committee, John Q. Adams ; teacher, Miss Clara E. Merrill ; length of school, 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 12 ; average attendance, 10 13-100 ; wages, \$20 ; school order, \$45.75.

The district were abundantly satisfied with the labors of Miss Merrill, who kept up her reputation as a thorough teacher. For further remarks, you are referred to district No. 2.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Committee, Nathan Bachelder ; two terms, taught by Miss Dora E. Lee, of Laconia ; length of summer term, 6 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 6 ; average attendance, 5 ; wages, \$10 ; board given. Winter term, 7 3-5 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 7 ; average attendance, 5 ; wages, \$24 ; school order, \$64.08.

A small school, under the guidance of a young teacher, who is full of vim ; consequently a good school was the result of her labor. The evidence that she was "boss" of her business was very conclusive. Parents, don't neglect to visit your schools in the future.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Committee, Charles E. Plummer ; teacher, Miss Carrie E. Plummer ; length of school, 20 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 5 ; average attendance, 4 ; wages, \$10.15 ; board given ; school order, \$54.06.

One of the smallest schools in town, yet the teacher was busy with her scholars, who gave fine evidence of improvement. Good order was especially noticeable. The exercises closed with singing by the school. We can say, "Well done."

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Committee, Charles A. Dockham; teacher of summer term, Miss Belle Elkins; length of school, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 25; wages, \$24.

It is seldom we find a person exactly adapted by nature and education to have the charge of so large a school, composed almost wholly of "little folks" of the ages here found; but it is not too much to say that Miss Elkins is just "the right person in the right place." Her services can never be appreciated, except by those who witnessed her success. Common report says "she had a most excellent school."

Winter term of 10 weeks, under the instruction of Josiah S. Goodwin; whole number of scholars, 45; average attendance, $38\frac{1}{2}$; wages, \$39.50; school order, \$150.07.

Mr. Goodwin is not only thoroughly qualified to assume the duties of teacher in this district, but has a happy faculty of imparting instruction in a very convincing manner. That he was in earnest in his business, his pupils all knew; and his earnestness and zeal were imparted, in a large degree, to them, improvement being the result. The classes in mathematics, geography, and grammar were especially proficient. The speaking by the young ladies was "just splendid." Your committee is of the opinion that a new *school-house* is very much needed. Visitors reported. Summer term, 27; winter term, 31.

REMARKS.

The only change to note in school-houses is in district No. 14. They report repairs on their house to the amount of \$100. District No. 5 has decided to build new. It is much needed. District No. 18, if they consult their own interest, will build a new school-house, grade their school, and secure a far more profitable outlay of their money. Reform in the matter of attendance in all our schools is much needed. Parents can hardly realize the injury done to schools by such irregular attendance as some of our registers show. That a reform in regard to text-books is much needed no thoughtful person will for a moment deny. They should be made uniform in town as a matter of economy, as well as for the general good of the scholars. Generally, we can say, in addition to what is said upon these special subjects, and in the separate reports, that a good year's work has been done in all the schools. The common branches have been well taught and well learned, as well as the more advanced studies. The daily work and examinations all give good evidence of thorough work and real progress. In the matter of geographies, I have recommended the throwing out of "Our World," and the general use of Cornell's series. I believe the change would result in much good. To parents I would say, visit your schools often, and see whether your children are in attendance five days in a week, or three; whether they come in at nine o'clock, or eleven; whether they stand at the head or foot of their classes; whether they are an honor or a disgrace to the school. I can speak with pride of our teachers during the year. They have done nobly, and deserve the thanks of every citizen of the town. Alton, Barnstead, Belmont, Canterbury, Loudon, and Laconia have furnished some able teachers, as well as our own hon-

ored town. Your committee found, at his several visits, that writing in many of the schools had been nearly or wholly ignored. By a careful study of the registers, we find only fifty that have attended to this important branch of study during the year. One year ago there were reported 194, while *two* years since there were 222. Why this falling off? Let us have a sweeping reform in this particular. Your committee believes that, in his separate report of the several districts, all of importance or of special interest in relation to the several schools has been fully presented. Thanking the citizens of the town for their uniform kindness and hospitality, I respectfully submit this report.

GEORGE W. ADAMS, JR.,

Supt. School Committee.

Gilmanton, N. H., Feb. 26, 1878.

